

REMARKS

In the restriction requirement dated October 2, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3, 5-11, 14-16 and 18-25, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a front-end loader for a percutaneous transluminal system for an intracardiac device;

Group II: Claims 27-29 and 31-37, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for delivering an intracardiac device into the patients' cardiovascular system.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 35-37 are drawn to a front-end loader for a percutaneous transluminal system for an intracardiac device, and therefore, should be included with the Group I claims.

Additionally, the Examiner has issued a requirement for an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. See Office Action at page 3. The Examiner alleges that the identified species have "mutually exclusive characteristics" and would require a different field of search. *Id.*

By this response, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I and Species A. This election is made *without traverse*.

Following this Response, claims 1-3, 5-11 and 35-37 remain pending in this application. Claims 14-16, 18-25, 27-29 and 31-34 stand withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims encompass the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unelected claims through the filing of divisional application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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